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Largest Conference Great Music Inspiring Sermons

The regular quarterly stake conference of the Berkeley Stake assembled Sunday, April 30, in the Berkeley chapel. The largest attendance, 1166, to gather for a stake conference in Berkeley stake greeted Clifford E. Young, assistant to the quorum of Twelve, and Stewart B. Eccles of the General Welfare Committee. Leo Meredith was also present and addressed the conference.

THE CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of the meetings was appropriately Welfare Work since the stake's new Welfare Center and Bishops' storehouse in El Cerrito had been dedicated the night before as mentioned elsewhere in this Messenger.

FUTURE STAKE MEETINGS

It was restated by President Harmon that hereafter the new schedule of stake meetings will prevail as follows: the Bishop's council on the first Tuesday of each month; the stake family meeting on the first Wednesday of each month; the High Priests' Quorum on the second Saturdays, while the monthly stake Melchizedek meeting comes on each third Saturday of the month.

MUSIC AT THE CONFERENCE

General audience singing was spiritedly led by stake chorister, Nico D. Snel, and accompanied by Mary Burton. Special numbers for the morning session were delightfully rendered by the Primary Children's Chorus led by Wanda Chase. They presented, "Tell the Dear Lord," "The Light Divine," and "Let the Little Children Come." Appreciated also was the number sung by the officers and teachers of the various wards.

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MIA Leadership Meeting Tunes Up for Summer Activity Program; Also Will Discuss New Age Group Program

The summer activity program will be given primary consideration at the leadership meeting of the Berkeley stake and ward officers and teachers to be held Sunday, May 14, at 2 p.m. in Berkeley ward chapel.

The meeting marks the final session of this year's program and will inaugurate the new 1950-51 Mutual year. The new year begins June 1, 1950 and ends May 31, 1951.

In addition to plans for the summer program, the session will include an outline and discussion of the new age group programs.

The age group for Boy Scouts will hereafter be 11, 12 and 13 years. At 14 the boy will automatically become an Explorer, the group which will care for boys between 14 and 16. However, it will

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By Mildred M. Fontana



Victory Trophy

Flora Sears, first assistant chairman, Oakland stake LDS Girls' Committee, exhibiting the victory trophy, the contest award at the Youth Banquet held March 16, 1950, in Oakland ward.

NEW HIGH COUNCILOR

Our new high councilor is Herbert A. Van Noy of Dimond, sustained at the last leadership meeting. His specific duties will include the chairmanship of the Genealogical Committee. We congratulate 'Herb' and his excellent family.

NEW WELFARE CUSTODIAN

President Wright has voiced highest praise and commendation

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Berkeley Stake

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Berkeley Stake General Conference was well represented at the semi-annual General Conference in Salt Lake. Berkeley Stake furnished more than 9000 beautiful calla lilies for decorations in the great Tabernacle. Annetta Wood, Stake Primary president, also presented the Primary officers with a large arrangement of calla lilies which were placed in the Assembly Hall—so in all a total of more than 10,000 calla lilies were contributed from this stake. Let's make it a tradition.

The theme brought back from the conference was to cry repentance to all, at home and abroad.

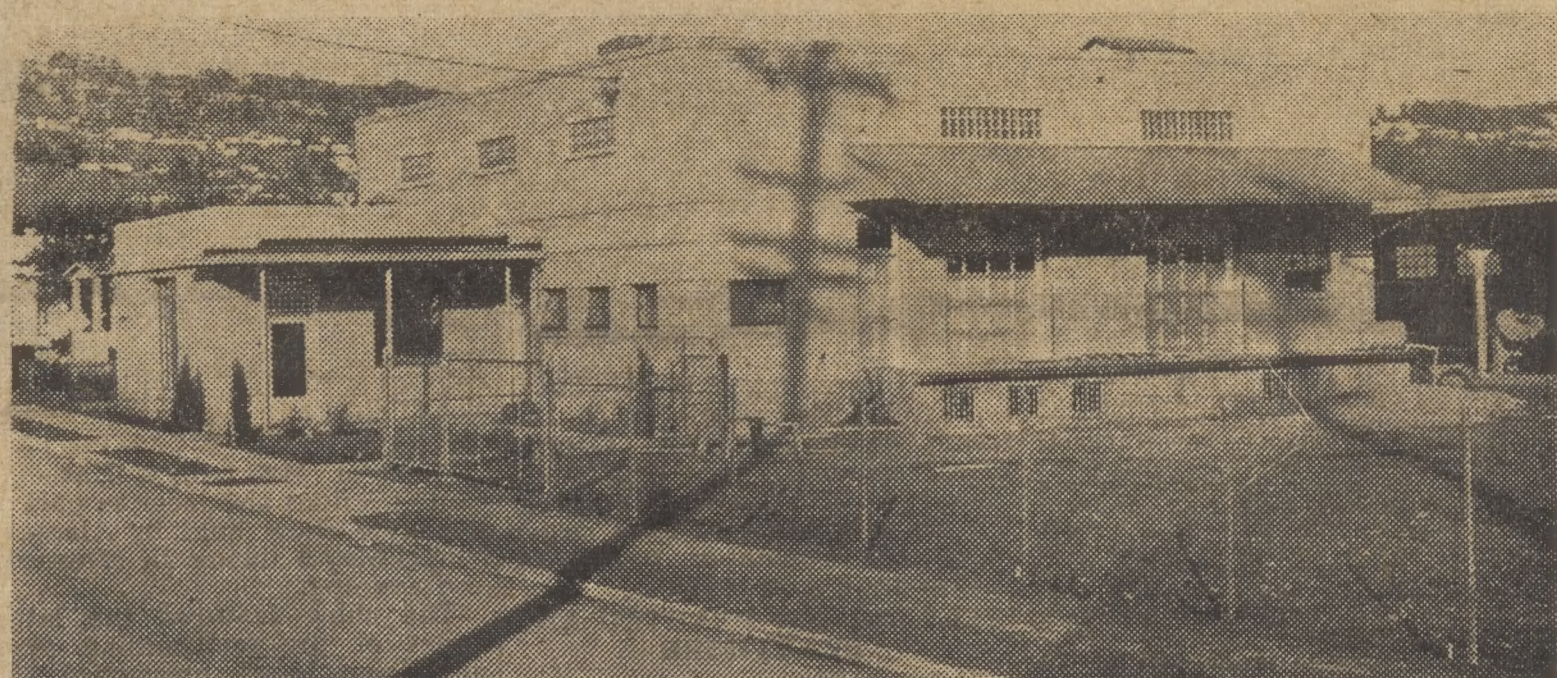
In the various wards many young men were asked to report.

PRIMARY CONFERENCE

President Annetta Wood, Bessie Brady and other stake and ward members report a thrilling experience in attending Primary Conference in Salt Lake City

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General View Berkeley Stake's New Bishops' Storehouse



At the left, adjoining street, is the dispensing store building with shelves for goods and a counter with scales, etc. At extreme right is seen a small section of a hundred-foot cement-block building to house cars and trucks and for work rooms.

—Photo by Del Carmen.

Great Salt Lake Temple Caravan Takes Shape

With fond anticipation and in great good spirit more church members are enrolling day after day for what will undoubtedly be the largest temple pilgrimage ever to travel from California to the great temple in Salt Lake City. Saturday, June 17, is the auspicious date.

Fifty to 70 automobiles, each bearing name streamers, and filled with happy saints from Berkeley, Palo Alto and Oakland stakes are expected to leave from the rallying center, Berkeley chapel, at 6:30 Saturday morning, June 17, under the leadership of Delbert H. Rock and his efficient pilgrimage committee.

Other autos, likewise loaded with cheerful members, will join the moving caravan at Tennessee

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Aaronic Priesthood Outing

Commemorating the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood on May 15, 1829, Oakland Stake will hold a celebration at the Arroyo Viejo Park on Saturday May 13, 1950, commencing at 3 p. m.

This outing is for all boys of the Aaronic Priesthood and their fathers and mothers as guests.

The program will feature softball games and other athletic contests. A picnic meal will also be enjoyed.

After the outing at the Park all present will journey to Hayward ward in the evening for the MIA Drama Festival.

In charge of arrangements is Donald C. Bennion, Executive chairman of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood committee.

Berkeley Stake Dedicated New Bishops' Storehouse and Work Center April 29

Climaxing 24 months of intensive planning and 34,000 man hours of volunteer labor, Berkeley stake members assembled in great numbers Saturday, April 29, to see the new Welfare Center and Bishops' Storehouse on San Pablo avenue at Fink Lane, El Cerrito, dedicated by Elder Clifford E. Young, assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve.

Under large flood lights and seated on chairs in a huge semicircle before the elevated platform of the welfare building that held the stake presidency and the visiting brethren, an audience estimated at nearly 500 heard Elder Young and Stewart B. Eccles of the General Welfare committee praise the new structure as the second in size and accommodations in the entire church, the first in size, of course, being the large General Center in Salt Lake City.

The stake presidency expressed gratitude for the generous and unselfish efforts of the hundreds of willing hands and hearts that had at last made the bishops' storehouse and welfare project center a present reality. Pres. Ranker stressed the spiritual values of welfare work and also its solid temporal blessings.

Mrs. Vera H. Mayhew, representing the ladies of the Relief Society, responded to an introduction that complimented the ladies of the stake for their service of meals to the workers on the welfare building evenings and on

Saturdays. By referrals to the historic beginnings of the Relief Society, she showed that the Society had been delegated by the priesthood to play an integral part in the care of the needy of the church.

Elder Eccles stated that the San Francisco Welfare Region, comprising the four stakes of Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley, excels all other regions in the church except, of course, the huge central one in Salt Lake City, in the matter of bishops' storehouses. He further said that he knew of no other one so large and so well suited to its purpose as our new Berkeley bishops' storehouse. It is a worthy structure.

Pres. Harmon reminded his hearers that this stake had been dangerously late in beginning its welfare work, but, he added, we have made commendable progress since our stake organization October 31, 1946—in fact more rapid progress than almost any other

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Who's Who in the Messenger's 1950 Business and Professional Directory?

25 Members of Our Larger LDS Firms:

Probably we would not be far wrong if we named:

1. The Skaggs-Stone Inc., wholesale distributors general merchandise for variety stores, etc., in western states.
2. The Delbert H. Rock Low Cost drug store in Berkeley and his Pacific Sundries Distributors in San Francisco.

3. The Wayne E. Mayhew Accounting Co., including as partners, Paul E. Warnick and Dale E. Bowen, all living in the east bay region.

4. Mantion M. Moody and Brothers, hotel and motel proprietors and owners of a trailer park and two trailer sales lots.

5. Weindorf and Swanson, wholesale dyers and cleaners.

6. Solano Courier Press, Suisun, printers of the Messenger and two weekly newspapers; also job printers.

7. Chip Steak Co., and Food Products Co., Vao and Jesse Cheney, managers and part owners.

8. Maltby and Van Noy Hardware Co., with three stores: in Oakland, Berkeley and San Leandro.

9. The Bodily Cabinet Works of San Leandro.
10. Thys Winkel, owner of moving picture theatres: one in Oakland, one in Rodeo and one in Richmond.

11. Houston's Furniture and Appliance store, 42nd and Telegraph.

12. Ammons and Murdock Housewares, Napa. John R. Murdock, partner.

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Large Assemblage Saw Berkeley Stake's New Welfare Center Dedicated Apr. 29



On platform are shown the stake presidency, Bishop C. V. Finnell, and Stuart B. Eccles, speaking.

—Photo by Ed Pyle.

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for Ephraim and Estella McBride who have served the stake so efficiently for so long at the Welfare center. They left May 1. After a good and much needed rest Sister McBride will take full charge of her rest home in Hay ward.

Elder Wright continued, "The duties are heavy at our storehouse, and will be divided in the future. LaMann and Mae Clark of Dimond will have charge of the storehouse and will live in the cottage. W. Ray Overman of Alameda will have supervision of the canning operations." This in recognition of the efficient work he did last year in the canning work.

COURSE ON CANNING

Sister Van Zetter has accepted the appointment of canning assistant, and she will have the help of her husband in this duty. The following people took the recent canning course; George Allen, Dimond; Jacoba Neuter-man, of Oakland, and Mae Clark. We are now prepared for a larger fruit and vegetable processing season than ever before.

WELFARE LOT PLANTED AND BEAUTIFIED

Brothers Wilson and Anson Perkins have prepared the lot at the Welfare Center by much work and grading, planting and also installing new water pipes. Around the edge flowers and strawberries are planted, and the land is nice and level for the summer string beans which now have been planted by the high priests quorum for canning purposes.

THE STAKE WELFARE FARM

The welfare farm shows excellent tomato plants, growing, barley looking well, and two acres of corn planted. Beans for dry beans are to be planted this week. A pig project will be started soon.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE

All members of the Stake presidency, the bishops, and presidents of the high priests quorum attended a special meeting during conference week in April in the temple.

BEAUTIFICATION UNDERWAY

Howard Dunn has been given charge for the high council of the stake beautification program. He has been stimulating the bishops in a program of planting and beautifying the ward chapel grounds. He also has been checking the needs in this regard of all the stake buildings.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Dean Mann of Maxwell ward has recently returned from a successful mission in the eastern States. Elder Paul Thompson of Alameda has also returned with an honorable release from the North Central States Mission. Welcome to these worthy elders.

R. S. STOREROOM PAINTED

The Relief Society storeroom at the welfare plant has been newly painted, and the storage cabinets finished.

POWER SEWING MACHINE

Sixteen of our stake sewing directors observed the sewing center in action at the San Francisco Welfare Center Thursday, April 20. Lillian Allen, the S. F. work director, was most helpful and gracious. Much timely assistance was given in cutting patterns for boys' pants ages 8 to 12, youths 12-14 and 16, and men's sizes 30 to 42. We now have two power machines on hand and two more coming.

PRIMARY NEWS

Fern Graff of Hayward has been chosen sea gull leader of the stake Primary board. Stake primary president Elsie Lyon, with Lucile Shaw and Mary Dunn attended the General Primary Conference in S. L. C. in April.

May 12 in Elmhurst chapel a program and box lunch will be given by the stake Primary board. The box lunches are to be sold for the benefit of the stake tabernacle fund.

May 8 the Berkeley and Oakland stakes' Primary officers met at the Oakland chapel to receive

instructions coming from the April Primary Conference in S. L. C. Oakland stake acted as hostesses—Our Primary summer program will be planned May 19 at the Union meeting in Elmhurst chapel.

TALENTED PIANIST IN ALAMEDA

Roland Jensen son of Wendell Jensen, former Alameda ward bishop, has recently toured the state as accompanist for the U. C. Men's Glee Club in six appearances. Roland is a music major at "Cal".

MUSIC FESTIVAL

One of the highlights of the musical season was the festival in Oakland ward May 2. The program blended the voices of 65 members of Oakland stake under the direction of Erva Wilson, Blaine Wilson and Darrell Monson. The chorus featured the solo voices of Elodia Goss, Naomi Buckmiller and Richard Bliss with a reading by Louis Dean Grow rounding out the program. Pearl Bliss, Donna Bates, Margaret Ruth Nielson and Joann Nielson were accompanists.

FOR A SUMMER CAMPSITE

"Out of My Lady's Hatbox" came fashions and laces as part of the style show held in Alameda chapel May 6 during the afternoon and evening.

The show featured the latest styles of the forthcoming year, and "my lady" previewed her "around the clock" wardrobe. Under the direction of Sister Gladys Markham, the gowns and dresses were modeled by young ladies and women of Oakland stake.

Proceeds of the affair were used toward obtaining a site for a summer camp.

M Men-Gleaner Regional Convention

The M Men-Gleaner regional convention will be held this year in Palo Alto on May 26, 27 and 28.

The three day schedule includes registration and a party on Friday; short exercises followed by a picnic, plus a dinner dance on Saturday; M Men and Gleaners will attend a special breakfast on Sunday, then hold general assembly.

Swarm Day

Swarm Day for Bee Hive groups has been set for May 27 under the direction of Marjory Brooks, Joyce Briscoe and Naomi Booth.

Congratulations

to all those who made the M Men and Gleaner banquet and dinner dance such a success. Orchids go to Ora Alexander and a white carnation to Sterling Yeaman, and bouquets to Ruth Pingree, Sherline Webster and their committee of assistants. It was a sparkling, well-attended event.

Gold and Green Ball

The Gold and Green Ball was voted one of the best ever held in our stake. Music was superb and the queens captivating in the unique presentation in individual frames.

Berkeley Ward SECOND

By JUNE ELLIS

Bishop Ward Green and his counselor, Brother Larson, attended April Conference in Salt Lake City. Elwood Meredith and his family, Milton Brinton, ward clerk, the Walter Barretts and their son, Scott, Roy Clovis, Owen Walton and son, Wendell also attended. Several of these reported at the Sunday night meeting following their return. They all



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street and Highway 40 at Vallejo and also at the Fairfield junction and that highway.

Members who contemplate going but are not yet registered for this tremendous temple entourage, are urged by the committee to register at the earliest possible moment. The exact number in the caravan must be known so that early reservations for the overnight stop and meals can be made at Winnemucca for the Saturday night of June 17, where a great program of entertainment will close the first part of the pilgrimage.

Registrations are to be made thru the ward committees or bishops on proper pledge cards, telling whether you will drive your car or will prefer to ride with others.

Ward Genealogical committees will meet for final jollification and instructions with the caravan committee in Berkeley, Wednesday, June 7, at 8 p.m. Come prepared for several glad surprises on that spirited occasion.

felt greatly rewarded for the effort, time and money spent to attend the General Conference.

Walter Barrett has been released as statistical clerk for the ward to accept the call as second counsellor in the stake High Priests' quorum. Leon Baer will assume Brother Barrett's position as statistical clerk.

Many friends of Maudie Hatch and William E. Anderson attended their marriage ceremony which took place in Berkeley ward, March 17. They make their home in Berkeley Second ward. We are fortunate indeed to have these fine people with us and wish them every happiness and success.

The biggest surprise at the Gold and Green Ball was the announcement of the engagement of Rhea Harker and Scott Barrett our Sunday school superintendent. Not quite so surprising was the announcement of the birth of a third son to Harold and Jerry Gaisford. Congratulations!

Bishop Green received a letter from Richard Holmes, dated at Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia. Richard states he and his family are well and love their new home although they miss their associations in Berkeley ward. They have renewed their acquaintance with Gladys Rogers who formerly lived in our ward. Gladys' husband is being transferred to New York soon.

Our ward dinners have been very successful and enjoyed by everyone. There will be more dinners in the

future. This means to be a very agreeable way to raise our Welfare Fund. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Welfare Bldg. Dedicated

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stake in the church. The site for the storehouse was purchased July 22, 1947; ground broken, April 20, 1948, and the completed building dedicated April 29, 1950.

Especially commended for their generous services on the building were three men, namely Timothy Morley, Jr., assistant work director; Antoine "Tony" I. Clark, supervisor of construction, and Delbert Carman, canning foreman, all of the Richmond district. Theodore G. Ruegg was the gifted architect, Emery R. Ranker, work director. Bishop Charles V. Finell is chairman of the bishops' council; Vera H. Mayhew, president of the stake Relief Society, with counsellors Maybelle H. Anderson and Ellen Haddock.

SOME PERTINENT FACTS

Pres. Wayne E. Mayhew presented some interesting figures. He stated that the welfare building is fully paid for and therefore carries no debt, incumbrances whatsoever. Besides the 34,000 man hours of labor contributed towards the erection of this building there were an additional 4,000 hours donated for the demolition of the government dormitory building at Richmond which the stake purchased and dismantled between April and July 1948, so that the materials might be used in the welfare building.

CASH DISBURSEMENTS ON WELFARE BUILDING	
Supervisory labor.....	\$ 7,500.00
Sand, gravel, cement.....	6,842.24
Lumber, including dormitory.....	6,925.53
Reinforcing steel and steel sash.....	1,802.51
Cement blocks.....	1,871.61
Plumbing, heating.....	2,223.27
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TOTAL CAST OUTLAY FOR BUILDING	39,362.86
Cannery equipment.....	4,007.74
TOTAL BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	43,446.30
Land.....	15,000.00
TOTAL CASH OUTLAY	58,446.30
Volunteer labor, 34,000 hours at \$1.50 per.....	51,000.00

GRAND TOTAL COST	\$109,446.30
HOURS PER FAMILY	
If we could figure just 30,000 hours of contributed labor and 2,000 stake families, we would have an average of about 15 hours per family. Seven of our wards averaged between 15 and 17 hours per family, while one ward, Claremont, led all the others with a record of 17.5 hours per family average.	

BASEMENT WILL BE USED PARTLY FOR A REGIONAL STOREHOUSE

It was stated that about fifty per cent of the basement space will be used for storing and distribution of welfare goods that are in transit to and from the other three stakes in our welfare region.

GOAL OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Pres. Ranker declared that now we have these excellent facilities we can happily redouble our efforts towards the production of commodities that are necessary to stock the storehouse against the time of need. "Our goal," he said, "is to have in storage a two years supply of foods and at least a year's supply of clothing for the estimated number of people who will need assistance."

WARNING TO BE READY

Elder Clifford Young, speaking as the representative of the General Authorities of the church, asserted most impressively that the time will surely come when we will need the full facilities of our bishops' storehouse in order to care for the unemployed and the needy of our stake. We have been warned and forewarned, he declared, to prepare in advance for the times of need.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

At the close of the dedication services the large and pretty well chilled audience was invited to enter the building to inspect the rooms and also to partake of refreshments while they visited together. A pleasant hour or two was thus passed before the stake members representing every ward and branch turned homeward and the lights of the new building were dimmed. The 117th Welfare and Bishops' Storehouse of the church had been dedicated. Berkeley stake had turned an important corner on its road of progress.

Largest Conference Great Music Inspiring Sermons

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and appropriately named, "Our Work and Our Wealth."

The afternoon music was another treat and was led by that veteran chorister, Almeda Neilsen of Vallejo. The Vallejo singing Mothers, wearing uniform floral corsages, rendered finished and most touching numbers. Nora Wichersham accompanied on the organ and a double violin obligato paralleled one of the songs.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

Wayne E. Mayhew dilated upon the sermons delivered at the last General Conference in Salt Lake City which was attended by the entire presidency of the stake, and also the bishops of our wards, besides many others from the stake.

POWER OF UNITED REPORT

"If the people of our stake would obey the law of sacrifice which is still in force in Israel and pay their reasonable assessments for the unified building program we would be able to erect all the ward chapels without drain on anyone," declared Elder W. Glenn Harmon, and he added, "Any individual alone is pretty weak, but when we are all united what a mighty force we are for good in the land."

NO ONE KNOWS WHEN HE OR SHE MAY BE IN NEED

Emery R. Ranker reminded the audience of our frail human insecurity, and how a small turn of fate may place any of us among the "poor and needy." How wise is the inspired welfare program for the stake as a whole and how wise that each family also stock in their homes at least one year's supply of foods and clothing. "This entire program comes from the Priesthood Authority of the Church and their inspiration leads back to Jesus Christ himself. Elder Harold B. Lee once declared that some of the stakes were even now dangerously late in their welfare work, said Elder Ranker. God has given only two great commandments but they are worth more than all the thousands of man's statutes: love the Lord, and love your neighbor. This second commandment is the firm basis for the welfare work of the Church.

THE WELFARE PROGRAM IS AN INSURANCE POLICY

"Where is their another Church that is building storehouses for its own people," asked Elder Eccles, and he declared that lives have already been saved by the program, particularly in the case of the Saints in Europe to whom our people were able to send supplies by car load lots in their dire need. "We need a listening ear," said President Clark. This will help us to carry out the inspired instructions already given for our good. Elder Eccles suggested the need of projects in the interest of our keeping our own senior retired members busy and happy.

"The Welfare Program is an insurance policy. Keep the premiums paid," he declared. "Work on welfare projects so that you may have a fair claim on the welfare program for you and yours if misfortune ever overtakes you."

EVOLUTION OF THE BISHOPS' STOREHOUSE

Elder Young reviewed the history of the bishops' storehouse in the Church. He said that Pres. Heber J. Grant reestablished the bishops' storehouse throughout the Church after they had been closed for many years. They were closed when we had a period of about fifteen prosperous years. He reviewed passages in the Doctrine and Covenants, where the Lord instructed the Church to build these storehouses, and he added, "The time will come when we will need our storehouses. We face serious problems. As a nation we cannot continue to spend more than we take in any more than a family can do that without eventual disaster." Elder Young commented on the huge sums we have to pay today annually for interest on national debt, and said that we would have to maintain high taxes even when the days of depression comes. Then many of us will be placed in need of help.

"SQUIRREL AWAY FOOD"

Elder Young quoted a national magazine writer who came to Utah to study the Church plan for storing food, and this writer called it "Squirreling away food." He said that he rather liked the expression. Let us be wise, and follow the good example of thrift. Our Church had 116 storehouses until yesterday, when Berkeley stake dedicated the 117th Bishops' Storehouse. "We are proud of it, and you also may well be proud

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April 4 and 5 and the placings of the cornerstone in the new Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

The Primary program now embraces year-around activities of theological training music dance, hand craft, and other integrating and satisfying experiences.

The Primary "Theme" comes from Doc. and Cov. 68:28—"And they also shall teach their children to pray and walk uprightly before the Lord."

Their motto is "Faith and Service." Berkeley Stake was put on the honor roll of wards reaching the 100 per cent quota of subscriptions to the Children's Friend by Martinez Ward. We salute Martinez.

STAKE PRIMARY DINNER

Berkeley Stake Primary Pot Luck Dinner and program held for the purpose of buying the Heber J. Grant \$100 paper weight was a success in every way. Fine food, fellowship, and fun.

Many renowned persons and personalities were presented by Woodannetta, the ringmaster. There were: Ah, Hem—The Barker; Garleek Cabbagio—The Strong Man; Valley Joe—The trained Horse; Elderjingo—The trained Dog; I. M. Finished—The High Diver; Seasiren—the Hula Dancer; Colosala—The Tumbler.

These and the Callopie of Prof. Rabmop all contributed to an unusual evening's entertainment.

The officers are grateful to all who helped make this program a success.

Aaronic Priesthood Goes to General Conference

A group of Aaronic priesthood boys from Berkeley Stake spent a wonderful Easter vacation attending the General Conference and priesthood meeting in the Tabernacle and doing temple work for 50 names, meeting friends, and sightseeing. Yes, they even had a "white Easter!" Utah was snow covered.

David Gardner, Richard Hall, Glenn Harmon Jr., and Ted Baer of Berkeley first ward, and Bob Lindblad of Berkeley second ward were the fortunate young fellows. They attended the Tabernacle choir broadcast, visited the Church Office Buildings, were

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Rodeo Branch

With the continued fine work of our missionaries our branch continues to thrive with investigators. We have witnessed the baptisms and confirmations of those who have gained a testimony of the divinity of the Church and have had the earnest desire to become part of it. Since the organization of the branch on January 2, 1950, there have been 13 baptisms performed. We extend our heartiest congratulations to all of you who have taken this very important step, and it is indeed a pleasure to shake your hands and call you brother (or sister). God bless you all.

Advancements in the Priesthood have been numerous. Those who have been ordained to different offices in the priesthood since January are T. C. Pitt, Raymond Bullock, Donald Bullock, Gerold King, Arthur Wells, Boyd Bigelow, Leonard Smith, and Dayton Smith.

We recently bade farewell to Elder Bennion (who is now working in Vallejo with Elder Erickson) and greeted Elder Grant Wiser, who is working with Elder Wesley Wootton in our area. We appreciate their diligent and humble efforts and feel very fortunate in having such fine envoys of the church with us.

Brother and Sister Cleon Pitt had a very enjoyable trip to Houston, Texas, where Dr. Pitt presented his paper on the results of his chemical research at the American Chemical Society's annual convention.

General Conference called Brother and Sister Reed Nelson to Salt Lake City for a week's stay.

To paraphrase a popular hit tune, "The girls'll be the prettiest, the boys'll be the wittiest, the folks'll be the happiest" the last Tuesday of each month at the branch parties that are being held in the Veterans' Memorial building in Rodeo. If you have not been aware of this gala monthly event, mark your calendars now for that night and join us in our evening's entertainment. We really have good times.

of it.

FAST OFFERINGS

There are two sources of Church income: the tithes and the fast offerings. Elder Eccles traced the evolution of the fast offering. In his youth fast meetings were held on Thursday afternoons; then on Sunday afternoons at 2 p. m., but later fast day was placed in the Sunday morning hour. Now we hurry home for the noon meal, but formerly the fast included two meals, and this is still the Church's teaching. "If we fast and pay as offerings the equivalent of two meals not eaten, then fast offerings will be ample for the cash needs of the welfare program." "Yet they will not be the slightest drain on the family budget," he continued.

Claremont Ward

Dave Wood, handsome son of Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood, Sr. has added to his credit three more swimming contests Dave took first place at Stanford, College of the Pacific and UCLA. Congratulations Dave, we are proud of you. Another item of interest concerning Dave is the coming Missionary Farewell party in his honor on June 9, 1950, in the Berkeley Chapel, prior to his going to Germany on his mission. Dave is the fourth member of the Wood family to answer this important call. Success to you, young man.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brown and their son, LeRoy, took a hurried trip to Salt Lake City, via the airways, to attend the Missionary Farewell party for Jay's sister. Jay and Elsie report having had a wonderful trip, and a new experience in the method of travel.

Miss Julia Ellsworth was home from school to attend the Stake Green and Gold ball on April 28. Pretty Julia was crowned queen of the Ward Green and Gold ball. We were very proud of her representation at the stake ball. Claremont fell down on their attendance at the ball so we had to be good losers to the Fairfield candidate.

Girls are in vogue again. It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jensen and a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Dean Price. Both babies arrived the latter part of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tucker and family are at home now at 1044 Central Avenue, Alameda, California. Telephone 2-9373. You good folks must come back to Claremont often.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Harmon and family have moved into their new home in San Leandro. We are looking forward to seeing your faces back in Claremont often.

Oakland Ward

By BERNADINE ADAMS.

Newly married in the Salt Lake Temple on April 25, we are Raymond Piercy, Jr. and Anona Merrill Ray is a recent convert in the Church, and has been very active. He is activity counsellor in the Young Men's Mutual, and Anona is very active in her ward. The newlyweds will make their home in Oakland. Congratulations to the Piercys.

Newly betrothed in our ward are Oral Alexander and Victor S. Grow. Vic has just returned recently from the French mission and is now attending San Francisco State college. Oral is the Stake Gleaner Leader. Congratulations to both of you.

A new Relief Society Presidency has been chosen: Theo Hughes, is president, with counselors Sisters Thurston and Phyllis Warnock. To the outgoing presidency, Lucille Jefferies and her counselors, we say, thanks for all the valuable work, and to the new group, good luck.

All of us who knew the recently deceased Stanley Whippler, wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and son.

Peter Douglas is the name of the new arrival in the Leone and Wilford Easton residence weighing 6 lbs. 5 ozs. Congratulations.

Estherella and Alex Olzowka have enjoyed a journey to Chicago to visit his relatives. Accompanying the Olzowkas were Darrel and Betty Monson who went to Pennsylvania on a business trip. We wish Henry Lofgren, confined in the hospital, a speedy recovery.

The former Elders' Quorum presidency, Don Wall and his counselors, Ernest Adams and Martin Jefferies, has been released. The new presidency consists of Dave Fermin, president, and Alex Olzowka, first counselor.

To Mary Nelson and Rose Wood we wish a speedy return to our meetings. Both are convalescing.

Our MIA drama night, under the direction of Frances Mayo was a success. Thanks to all who participated.

As fruit of our "Letter-to-Missionary-Night," Norman Stockton sends thanks to all who wrote him. We know all the missionaries are happy.

Vallejo Ward News

By LA RUE A. POWELL.

Dear brothers and sisters, it is again time to send you a message through the Messenger:

Because of the change of time recently proposed by the Stake Presidency we have seen a considerable drop in our attendance at Sunday School. We are making a plea for cooperation in this matter. Let us remember that we are commanded to serve the Lord 24 hours a day, seven days a week and not just at our convenience. Remember the scripture, "As for me and my house, we shall choose to serve the Lord." It does not say, "come at 10 a.m. or 9 a.m."

We wish to remind everyone of the request made by the Stake Presidency, that all ward officers and teachers should attend sacrament services. Try coming with a humble prayer for sweet spiritual food. It will be granted every time in the Lord's Supper.

Again we extend our thanks to you all and pray the Lord to bless you that you may become greater and more valiant in the service of our Maker—Henry Neerings.

For those of us who knew her, our hearts were saddened at the sudden death of Mrs. Amy Mathews, mother of Otto Mathews, who passed away in Panama, Nevada, April 11. Words cannot express the sympathy we feel toward Otto and his family.

Harold Hamblin, who has served so well in the Sunday school superintendency, has moved to Salt Lake City. Julian Breillatt has been transferred to Tokyo, Japan. Bryan Gentry, former YMMIA superintendent, has moved to Napa. We extend our best wishes to both and to their families.

It is a satisfaction to see new members come into our Church. Two young people recently baptized were Nancy Cronhardt and Herbert Allen. Welcome heartily.

Primary girls who will be graduated into the Mutual Association, are Mary Ann Mathews, Maria Miller, Genial Williams, Sally Phillips, Evelyn Clark and Reclio Cullinson.

With the coming of spring and warm weather, beans have been planted in the vacant ground near the chapel. This is a welfare project.

Business Notes

THE BROWN'S OF ELMHURST OPEN ICE CREAM STORE IN SAN LEANDRO

"Pete" and Lucile Brown of Elmhurst ward have taken over "Maison's Ice Cream" at 794 East 14th street in San Leandro where they now make and sell their own delicious homemade ice cream, all flavors.

Brother Brown is in charge of Fireside and is also financial clerk in Elmhurst, while Lucile is a former ward Primary president. "Pete", coming originally from Thatcher, Arizona, spent five years in Los Angeles where he met Lucile and wed her in St George temple. They arrived in the bay area in 1935. Two children have come to them.

Thoroughly impregnated with the good spirit of cooperation, the Browns told me that any church function in the bay area may se-

cure Maison's Ice Cream at whole-sale prices.

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Dimond Ward

STELLA S. HOOPES.

We thoroughly enjoyed the March Messenger with pictures of all the business men in the various wards. It is good to know personally who to turn to when in need of a doctor, lawyer, dentist or baker.

It is good to have John Hilton back with us. He has convinced us that Cairo would be a good place to spend a few years. As assistant Scout master the boys say John is tops with them. Continued success, John. Violet Rice made a charming queen at the Green and Gold ball in March. Sister McKaig was honored as the eldest and most graceful University of Utah alumni at the annual dinner in March at the Leamington hotel.

We were happy to have Dad and Mother Hoopes, from Utah, with us for three very short weeks. They were very much impressed by the members of Dimond Ward.

Everyone enjoyed Bishop Elmos' report on the April Conference. We hear Elmo and June had an interesting trip through the canyons on their way home from conference.

The Special Interest class in Mutual have had several interesting speakers, including our talented teacher, Mary Russell. Doctor Friday gave a report on medical developments in anesthetics. Buell Labhard spoke on the ear and its functions.

We are happy to hear Eleanor Barber is doing so well since her operation. Can't keep a good gal down. Melba Rainey had an outing at the Dimond Park for her Sunday school and Primary class last Saturday. What a ball team she organized and oh, what fun they had with Emma Mathison as referee.

Ray and Bertha Daniels hated to see their daughter, Afton Cram, and children, return to Alaska. Their two months' visit here was a very enjoyable one.

It was a pleasant surprise to learn Herbert Van Noy has been called to the High Council.

Thumbnail Sketch: Herbert Van Noy was born and raised in Cache Valley, Utah. He met Neita Lewis there in his youth, her charm and vivaciousness made him forget the bashful boy he was and he proposed. They have three grown children: Joyce, Thad and Don. The Van Noy's have lived in California since 1932. Herb was one of the six original organizers of the Liahona Businessmen's Club. He has been a hard working, conscientious Era director for many years and very active in Genealogy and MIA during the past eight years. We know Herb and his family will receive many blessings and a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction in his new work.

We are happy to hear Don Russell is doing such good work and our prayers are with you Don as with all our faithful missionaries. We hear Don and his companion had sold more copies of the Book of Mormon held more meetings and worked more hours than any missionary in their district and their district came in first place in number of hours of missionary activities in the entire mission. Don states one of the ministers in the town has instructed his congregation to refuse our literature and to organize to run the LDS missionaries out of town. This seems incredible, being just twenty minutes from Denver and only hours from Salt Lake City.

The many friends of Rose Clark wish and pray for a speedy recovery of her knee operation. We hear it was a serious one.

It is good to see Joyce Hilton walking around since her leg operation.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

MARJORIE HAWKINS, Ph. 3-3864.

Our missionary is home! Elder Dean Mann recently returned home from the New England States Mission looking more handsome. With the sweet humble spirit that always accompanies a missionary, he gave his homecoming speech at sacrament meeting April 22, and if you missed it you really missed a treat. We are truly glad to have you back, Dean, and wish you the best of everything in whatever you undertake to do.

We won't be long without a missionary in the field however, as Joyce Briscoe has received her call to labor in the Eastern States Mission. Teaching school at present, she will enter the mission home in June. We know Joyce will make a wonderful missionary, yet we will miss her and her fine talents in music, and speech as well as along other lines.

Maxwell Park will be represented in the Drama Festival, to be held at Hayward Ward on May 13. We are presenting a one-act play entitled "Emma." Let us urge all who enjoy dramatic talent to be present.

Bishop Bybee and his wife were the representatives of our ward at General Conference. Lucille Shaw represented the Stake Primary. At a very enjoyable Sacrament meeting in April they gave their excellent reports.

The Ward Choir presented their first rendition at Sacrament meeting in April. The music was outstanding under the very capable direction of Gladys Olson. We invite all saints to attend meetings each Sunday evening. The choir is to be a regular part of our Sunday service.

Sister Winnie Martin has returned from Ireland. Having a wonderful visit with her family and friends she reports that the time went by all too rapidly.

We were happy to see Betty Call, a former member of our ward, at church. She and her two children are here visiting for a short time. Nice to have you back, Betty.

The Mutual officers and teachers have been busy planning their summer program, and now assure us they have activities arranged for all age groups. We strongly suggest that you come every Tuesday during the summer. The officers and teachers will hold their annual picnic as usual the latter part of May.

Mormon Male Chorus

Sings Memorial Day

Saturday evening April 22, the Mormon Male Chorus put on a highly appreciated concert at the new chapel at Santa Rosa for the benefit of the Petaluma Branch building fund. Helen Chipman Richards was soloist.

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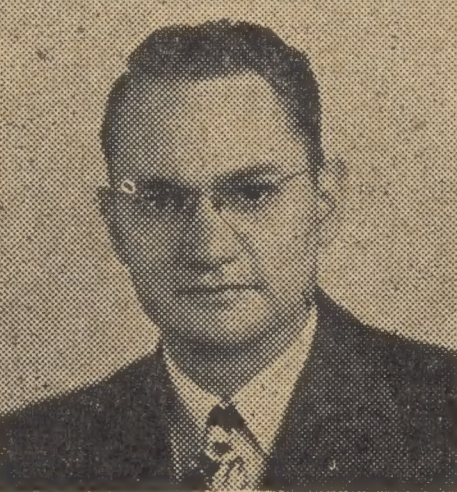
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Fairfield Acquires 23 Acre

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A deal was consummated recently through Keeler's real estate office, whereby ownership of 23 acres of land north of Waterman Park was transferred to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The acreage will be the site of a new chapel and recreational hall tentatively planned by church authorities for Fairfield branch.

President Orlin I. Oliver and his two counselors, J. Alden Blaisdell and H. Grant Bleazard, announce that after the construction plans are completed and adequate parking areas have been assigned, surplus acreage will be sub-divided into choice lots and sold.

Non-Member Wonders

A non-member U. C. student, driving along Fink Lane recently, passed our Welfare building. He wondered why men were working at that hour and asked Dr. Ranker about it. When he learned that these men worked all day as others do, and were donating to the church hours generally used for recreation or rest, the man was impressed and commented that the men seemed so happy working together. Then he added, "I was surprised to see none were smoking or using profane language." Let others see your good works.



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Church Welfare Official Dies

Roscoe Eardley, 70, one of the founders of the welfare program of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died April 17 in a Salt Lake hospital.

Connected with the church welfare program since the beginning in 1936, Mr. Eardley was a member of the General Welfare committee and was chairman of the storehouse and food processing committee at the time of his death.

Before that time he had filled a life of service as missionary, bishop, mission president, Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association General Board member and patriarch.

He was patriarch of the Highland stake at the time of his death. Under his direction was carried out the entire program of shipping welfare aid to Europe in the immediate postwar years. He and I. B. Ball were boy pals and lifelong close friends.

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Speaking of billions of dollars, it is typical of the growth of the west and the southwest, that this Texas company in 44 years passed the two billion dollar total December 1, 1949, having increased its business by nearly a quarter of a billion within the year, and added \$50,000,000 to its assets in that year, making total assets of over \$300,000,000 which are invested for the most part in government securities and in state, municipal, and corporate bonds.

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Liahona Club

The April meeting of the Liahona club, the LDS business and professional business men's dinner and discussion "gang" met in Richmond as guests of the business men of that section. A real body-building meal was served by the ladies of the Relief Society in the recreation hall of the ward chapel.

Before a group of some 50 members and friends, Pres. A. D. Erickson presented a program that gave Sam Scott a chance to be historic, Tom Ferguson the opportunity to be funny, I. B. Ball a chance to be analytical, Preston Erickson a call to be musical and Dennis Lauper the privilege to be persuasive.

In plain English, Sam talked on the club's objectives, Tom on the "lawyer and his hat," I. B. Ball gave an analysis of the new business and professional directory, Preston Erickson enjoyed himself on the piano, and Dennis Lauper spoke about business relations among our members.

Phil Lewis, Richmond insurance man in the "East Bay Agency," greeted members of the club and welcomed them to Richmond; Leonard J. Aikens, Richmond contractor and builder, added introductions and stories.

New members who received their club pins (bearing the inscription of the famous Liahona compass) were George W. Hall, Jay T. Brown and Mervin Bytheway.

The idea of the Liahona club holding its sessions from month to month for awhile at various sections of the East Bay at the invitation of the LDS business and professional members of these sections in order to get better acquainted one with another was voiced by the president and endorsed by the membership.

The May meeting (meeting are always held on the 4th Monday of the month) will therefore be held at the Colonial Cafeteria, 15th and Franklin, Oakland, Monday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tables set in rear of balcony. Delicious food, self-served, cafeteria style to your own choice. Program will include the history of the "Comorah Crest," the southern California LDS mountain summer camp, by Rhea Gustaveson, Oakland stake YLMIA president. She was one of the prime promoters of this camp for LDS youth and all members.

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Using the large electric addressograph machine as well as the hand machine, these energetic young men make short work of addressing and tying in packages more than 3000 papers. This issue was mailed out Wednesday evening, May 10, and taken to the postoffice that night.

We shall have more to tell you about this operation in later issues. But for now our hats are off to an excellent group of typical young LDS men—Explorers of Troop 8.

Napa Ward News

NAPA WARD BISHOPRIC

On April 2, the Napa ward members were honored with an all-day visit from President Mayhew and President Ranker. They visited the priesthood meetings, Sunday school and fast meeting, during the afternoon visited the Welfare Center in Napa and prune orchard and the site for our new chapel. During the evening meeting they delivered inspirational talks. It was a real treat for us during the day and we hope they may return very soon. During the fast meeting, we were all surprised to have them release from first counselor in the bishopric, Brother Verl Taysom. Bro. Bryant Knowlton was sustained as first counselor with Brother Rex Candland as second counselor. Brother Candland has been president of our YMMIA during the past year and has done an outstanding job. On May 3, the officers and teachers of the ward honored Brother Verl Taysom with an outing at the water works picnic grounds. We will miss Brother Verl in the bishopric but we know we will still receive inspiration and help from him in other ways in the ward.

We feel one step closer to our chapel on the hill after attending the outstanding building fund dinner held at the Junior college this past month. It was well attended and the dinner was delicious and so ably served by the wives of the finance committee. Then, of course, the finance committee, themselves, cleared tables and made ready for the afternoon program that followed. Brother Stan Memmott was general chairman and deserves a big hand for the fine job he did. A big thanks too goes to Sister Emmy Stamm and her daughter from Alameda for their part on the program. We are all watching the finance committee, headed by Br. George Bruerton; they have had some fine entertainments and ward members be prepared to support them in their next undertaking so that we can all realize our "Chapel on the Hill" in the very near future.

Conference visitors to Salt Lake City last month included Bishop Reed Keller and his family; the Geo. Bruertons, Madge Olive, Nancy Soper, Helen Murdock and son, John; Naoma Candland and Pamela and Scott Candland.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Brother Delmar Fowles who was called to Ogden during the past year. We miss him and his family. He was a fine brother. Also to Brother Allan Young and Sister Lee, who were called home to Ephraim, Utah, upon the death of their aged father.

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It is sincerely hoped that our ward members will get behind this project and see it through to a successful completion. The bishopric are desirous of having the work finished by June 26, which is the date of our next Stake Conference.

Mention might be made of the fact that the Relief Society ladies plan to serve lunch each Saturday.

Many of our people have expressed the desire for a ward choir. We are hoping to have a choir to furnish music for our sacrament services as soon as we get into our own chapel.

On Thursday evening, April 27, the Aaronic Priesthood and the LDS girls together with their parents, were entertained by the bishopric. Following an enjoyable program, achievement awards were presented.

Recently many of our people enjoyed two of the finest roller skating parties. The financial gain from the evenings is to be used for the purchase of much-needed motion picture projection and sound equipment.

Congratulations to our San Leandro ward basketball team. They are real champs now, after their game of April 20.

Elder Howard Marsh is back home again after having spent some 30 months in the Argentina mission. We are proud of his accomplishments and hope he will feel at home again among us.

May we extend our best wishes to Bro. Bob and Sis. Josephine Ghissmeyer on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy. The Marc Laupers also have been recently blessed with another dainty daughter. Congratulations to you both.

The friends of Ward Clerk Robert Stöcker will be glad to know that he has recovered from his recent operation and that Fred Haycock is steadily improving from his illness and is presently recuperating in Utah.

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We have on hand three ward Sunday schools.

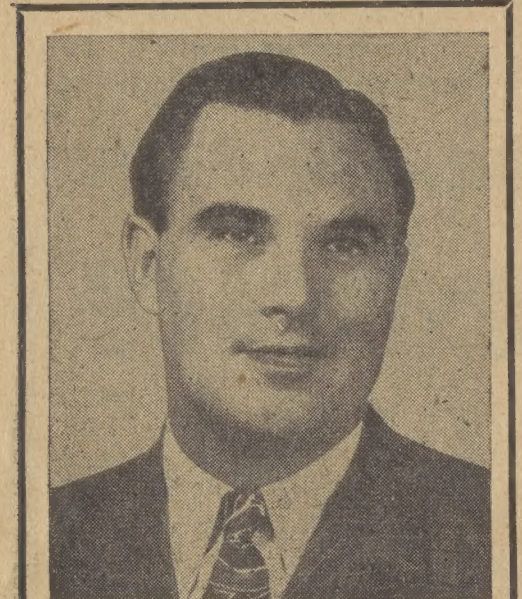
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Hayward Ward

By MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON

Seventeen LDS girls and eight leaders of the Hayward ward, Oakland Stake, under the direction of Sister Gertrude Lamkin, LDS Girls' Committee chairman, enjoyed a thrilling trip to Mesa, Arizona, seeing all the sights along the way and climaxed it all with a real spiritual feast by doing work in the temple of the Lord.

The girls privileged to go won this honor by meeting certain standards for attendance at meetings, completing assignments, living the Word of Wisdom, paying tithing, etc. They left Hayward Wednesday, April 5 in five cars with Brother and Sister C. B. Lamkin, Bishop and Sister Wilford T. Webb, Elsie Willis, Grace Nottage, Brother and Sister Elmer Mallory, and Eva Loomis, acting as chaperones. Stops were made in Hollywood and Palm Springs for sight-seeing.

The saints in Mesa were very cordial, putting the girls up in their homes, taking them on tours and dances, etc.

During Friday the adult members worked in the temple for a total of 19 endowments. On Saturday the girls went into the baptism room of the temple and performed 231 baptisms for the dead, many being for their own ancestors. Other trips of a similar nature are being enthusiastically planned by girls and leaders alike.

April 21 a dinner was held to raise funds for our chapel—\$5.00 was the price. A fine dinner and program was enjoyed by our many friends throughout the stake. We wish to heartily thank those who so generously bought tickets.

Edythe and Bill Rosenkrans were the hosts to Edythe's sister and family—the Nelsons, from Logan.

Bro. Gene Blackmun gave a splendid report on the last conference. Bro. Blackmun has been offered an excellent business position in Santa Cruz and is leaving our ward around the first of May. We dislike to see them go, but do wish them the very best in their new home. Sis. Blackmun has been our Primary president while Bro. Blackmun is a member of the Bishopric.

Burton Ray and George Wellman were ordained Teachers and George McNeil was advanced to the office of a Priest.

Elder Call whom we all have learned to love has been transferred to Fresno.

Abraham Lincoln said, "You cannot help a man permanently by doing for him what he could do, but won't for himself."

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Richmond Ward

NORMA PASSEY.

We have had some exciting doings in the ward since you last heard from me. Our Gold and Green ball March 17, was a huge success with Nadine Stoddard as our Queen. Her attendants were Norma and Jene Passey (Gleaners), Beverly Olsen, Jeannine Groves, Edna Brown and Diana Spenser (Jr. Girls). Johnny Hulme was crown bearer with Ellen and Maurine Thomson as flower girls. Brother Harold Gaisford, Supt. Stake YMMIA, crowned our lovely Queen. Those who did not attend missed an enjoyable evening.

The Pieside had a swim party on April 22, with a chili supper at the Ward house after swimming. The entire ward was invited. Although there wasn't a very large crowd it was truly a gala event.

On the 2nd of April the MIA had the Sunday evening services and they had a very wonderful and inspiring evening which was based on our MIA theme for the year, which is "How glorious and near to the angels is youth that is clean; this youth has joy unspeakable here and eternal happiness hereafter."

The engagement of Miss Algie Gifford, YWMIA president, to Mr. Jim Peters of Oakland, was announced at the Stake Gold and Green Ball; they are planning a summer wedding.

The Special Interest class held a party Saturday, May 6, at the ward house. Everyone had a wonderful and entertaining evening.

Youths May Perform Baptism for the Dead on June Temple Caravan

The fact that baptisms for the dead may be performed any day by the young people on the June temple pilgrimage is pleasing to a number of families. Thus the children may develop an early interest in temple work which will never leave them.

On our former stake pilgrimages to the Mesa temple we were not able to offer this privilege to the youths of our stake, because the facilities there did not permit of more than one baptism day. However, the Salt Lake temple has all the facilities for daily baptisms. This is an added attraction that is being made much of by the parents of Berkeley stake. The Oakland stake members are invited to join in this as in all other features of the caravan. They are invited to write or phone Nathan N. Tolman so that proper accommodations may be made for them in advance.

Who's Who Among LDS Business Men?

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13. Curt Campbell Ford Agency, San Pablo Ave., Albany.
 14. Johnson, Harmon and Henderson Law Firm in San Francisco. J. Ed Johnson and W. Glenn Harmon, members; Robert Johnson, associated.
 15. Brown, Smith and Ferguson Law Firm in Oakland. Heber J. Brown, Elmo R. Smith and Thos. S. Ferguson, members.
 16. Don L. Kimball, Peek-a-Boo Motor Court, and sales lots, San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito.
 17. Hardware Center, Napa, Reed W. Keller and Rex Bridges, owners.
 18. Clyde W. Lindsay, development builder and contractor, Newark.
 19. Wm. H. Evans, wholesale blankets, Oakland.
 20. Clifford E. Johnson, large scale poultryman, Hayward.
 21. Wilford T. Webb, large scale poultryman, Hayward.
 22. Joseph C. Eyring, realty dealer, Berkeley.
 23. Ross McClellan, contractor and builder of business properties, Hayward.
 24. Mel's Venetian Blind Factory, San Leandro.
 25. Nu Vu Venetian Blind Factory, Oakland.

Alameda Ward

By GALEEN GLAYSON

Flash! What's going on in the ward? Well, have you heard Elder Paul Thompson is home again after completing a North Central States Mission. We enjoyed very much his report at Sacramento meeting, Sunday, April 3, and the party in his honor Tuesday, May 7.

Bishop and Mrs. Thys Winkel have returned home from an extended tour of the Caribbean Islands. We are glad to have them back with us again, rested and in excellent spirits.

Congratulations to Hazel and Charles Reed, now the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy.

May 7 was the day of the ward's Primary Conference, when an excellent program was given under the theme, "The Lord's Prayer."

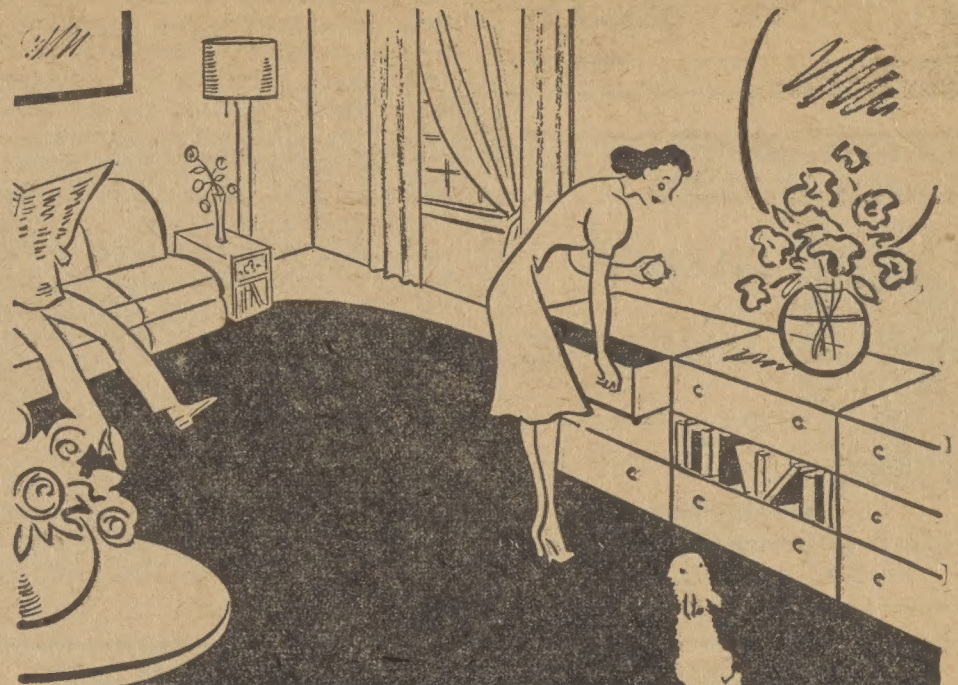
The Primary is doing an efficient missionary work as shown by the fact that so many young people are attending and are becoming members of the Church. This reflects the good work our able teachers are doing.

Eugenia Brice and Ken Sparkmen are now at home in Alameda after their marriage in the Salt Lake City temple April 12. Now Mr. and Mrs. are Darlene Laird and George Baldwin who repeated wedding vows at the Chapel of the Chimes who will make their home in Alameda. Congratulations and blessings to both couples.

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MIA Leadership Meeting Tunes Up for Summer Activity Program

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not be necessary to have had Boy Scout training to become an Explorer.

Beginning June 1, Beehive Girls will take two years to complete their work. This age group includes girls 12 and 13 years of age. Fourteen and 15 year old girls will enter an entirely new group. Sixteen, 17 and 18 year old girls will also enter a new group to be known as Junior Gleaners.

Junior M Men will be composed of youth aged 17 and 18. Many lessons and fun events will be planned for tis group in connection with activities of the Junior Gleaners.

Young people between 19 and 25 will form a joint class to be known as the M Men-Gleaner class.

Many other, tho minor, changes are in prospect and designed to streamline the Mutual program to help develop well-rounded lives and a better knowledge of the gospel and to teach the application of these principles to everyday living.

Berkeley Stake News

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taken up in an airplane, played "at" golf, went horseback riding, visited the University of Utah campus, also the B. Y. University Campus at Provo, attending a Sunday evening fireside in Bountiful.

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BERKELEY STAKE MISSION

The Berkeley Stake Mission has 48 active missionaries. In the first quarter of 1950 18 new members were baptised and 32 inactive members brought into activity.

We congratulate Brother Brandon Kent of the Martinez ward on the very fine work he is doing, having put in 124 hours on missionary work last month, and also Brother and Sister Hughes of the Pittsburg ward for their combined 155 hours for the month.

Allen E. Lowe of Richmond ward left on a full time Mission to the Western Canadian Mission April 16.

We welcome John R. Cain of Berkeley 1st ward to the Stake Missionary family.

We welcome all who will step forward and accept a call to carry the Gospel light to others. Talk to your bishops about this divine endeavor.

Martinez Ward

KAY CREER, Reporter

Four people represented Martinez at the recent general conference in Salt Lake: Bishop Wayne McIntyre, Brother and Sister Ivan Haslam and Valentine Dahlin. Sister Dahlin also visited her daughter Nancy, at Brigham Young university in Provo. Sister Haslam also attended the Primary conference.

A large turnout from Martinez ward attended the stake Gold and Green Ball to support our ward queen, Venita Hult. Also, not to be forgotten, were the seven members appearing after the votes pere cast.

The Robert Nelsons have recently been welcomed into our ward. Bro. Nelson is an administrative officer in the Contra Costa county Junior college.

Two babies were blessed and two new members baptized into the church. Kathleen Adair Drumiller and Patricia Susan Snow were blessed and Rozelle Marie Kent and Val Ira Loeffler were confirmed.

Mrtinez ward Scouts are anxiously awaiting the completion of the additional ward building, which will provide one of the best Scout rooms in this area.

Patriarch Peterson and his wife visited our ward April 3, and spoke in sacrament meeting. A number of members took advantage of his visit to obtain their patriarchial blessings.

On April 25 the Mutual had a "Music and Drama evening." The program consisted of a short play and several musical skits.

The Fireside group held a progressive dinner April 21. The various courses were held at the home of 14 members and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Willard Knowles, former bishop of Martinez ward, has been appointed superintendent of schools for Martinez, Calif. He has served for years as high school principal in Martinez.

Pittsburg Ward

We all enjoyed the farewell party given in honor of our missionary, Elder Edward Scott. God be with you.

Members are asked to remember the paper drive that is being put on for the youth of the ward. . . We were glad for those who were able to attend the Youth Stake party May 6 in Berkeley. It was a grand success.

Keep in mind the following ward events for the merry month of May: Saturday, May 13, the Calico and Jeans party at 8 in the chapel, sponsored by the MIA. The box lunches by the girls are to be all prettied up in order to attract the high bidders when auctioned. The money goes into the missionary fund.

Sunday, May 14, is Mother's day, and also, in the evening services, special Seagull and Aaronic Priesthood programs. In commemorating the restoration of the lesser priesthood the youth are offering the program, entitled, "The Morning Breaks," a brief historic narrative of the Holy Priesthood leading up to and culminating with an account of the May 15, 1829 restoration.

May 21 (Sunday) the stake presidency will visit the ward, and speak at the sacrament meeting at 7 p. m.

Wednesday, May 24, is the time of the ladies' chorus.

Friday, May 26, the Relief Society

will hold its season's closing party. Perhaps it will be in the form of a barbecue party, so be looking for details. Mildred Gibbs, R. S. president, has chosen as counselor Gertrude Ross Walter. Her work in new activities has been appreciated already; the Swedish weaving as well as the tempera painting, making stuffed toys, earrings, etc.

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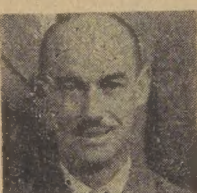
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Railroad Bonds - - - - -	13,555,534.06	Claims not yet completed or reported - - - - -	1,693,307.02
Public Utility Bonds - - - - -	34,419,343.33	Reserved for taxes - - - - -	1,318,148.15
Industrial and other bonds - - - - -	9,130,665.70	Other liabilities - - - - -	1,760,987.52
TOTAL BONDS - - - - -	\$159,028,817.69	Market fluctuation fund on stocks, bonds and real estate -	14,400,000.00
First mortgage loans - - - - -	48,348,881.41	TOTAL LIABILITIES - - - - -	\$262,755,614.81
Cash - - - - -	22,239,633.77	Capital stock - - - - -	\$10,000,000.00
Preferred and common stocks - - - - -	50,050,795.75	Investment contingency reserve -	3,000,000.00
Policy loans and premium notes -	7,480,237.29	Interest and mortality fluctuation reserve - - - - -	3,750,000.00
Home office building - - - - -	526,852.06	Surplus - - - - -	20,515,457.95
Other real estate - - - - -	1,950,367.91		
Real estate sold under contract -	705,644.21	Surplus protection to policyholders - - - - -	\$37,265,457.95
Net premiums, deferred and in process of collection - - - - -	6,495,908.79		
Interest due and accrued - - - - -	1,480,154.54		
Other assets - - - - -	1,713,779.34		
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SIGNIFICANT 1949 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Surplus protection to policyholders - - - - -		37,265,457.95
Total assets - - - - -		300,021,072.76
Gains in assets in 1949 - - - - -		50,945,513.42
Total income - - - - -		78,551,391.07
Gain in income in 1949 - - - - -		21,925,352.35
Life insurance in force - - - - -		2,049,188,051.00
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EDITORIAL

Have You Ever Thought
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The Restoration Of The Aaronic Priesthood

We are all familiar with the facts of the restoration: that it came about when the Prophet and Oliver Crowder went into the spring woods on the Susquehanna near Harmony, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1829; that these young men were at the time translating the Book of Mormon, and had a desire to receive baptism which was spoken of in the record so often; that the glorious angel laid his hands on their heads and ordained them to the Aaronic priesthood and commanded them to then baptize one another.

But did you ever think that they left the woods that day in May having received not only the thing they had desired, an ordinance, but also a far greater thing which they had not so much as thought about to that time, namely, an ordination?

This ordination conferred priesthood, a formal divine authorization, a legal right to perform, from that time forward, sacred acts in the very name of the Lord of glory. They had not thought of that ordination as necessary.

If the angel had merely told them to proceed; and how to correctly perform the act of baptism by immersion, and their sins would be forgiven them, and they thence should cry repentance and likewise baptize believers, they would no doubt have done as commanded and left that spot without thinking that divine authority was the first requisite; that without it nothing has any binding power upon the heavens.

Remember, it was customary in the churches of the day for any one who sincerely felt a desire to start a new church nearer to what they felt was the correct pattern. They merely proceeded to do it after prayer for guidance. No one then thought that special divine authorization from the heavens was necessary.

So the first thing to keep in mind is that the principle of divine authority for anyone to "preach the gospel and administer in the ordinance thereof," as we now recite in the fifth article of faith, came at this time.

The next thing to remember is that this Aaronic priesthood is a sort of apprenticeship to the greater, the Melchizedek priesthood, which soon followed it.

Young people in the Church are given the office of deacon at first, and allowed to function in the important but simpler duties of that office for a while. That's somewhat like the apprentice who is set to work at simple tasks connected with a chosen trade or profession. As time goes on the young man in the Church is advanced to the office of a teacher if he has been faithful in the duties and the life worthy of a deacon.

This new step forward is again like an advancement in the apprenticeship. Greater responsibilities are now placed upon him. He is a teacher of others in the craftsmanship of saints. Through his manner of life and his instructions, the humble, he is to lead others to the standards he is learning himself.

Finally, as the years pass and he proves true to his former simpler callings, the young man is advanced to the third rung in the ladder of progress. Now he is empowered to introduce other candidates who have followed his and other's instruction and teachings into the waters of baptism. This indeed, is making high progress in the apprenticeship of Godliness. The heavens are under compulsion now to record in heaven what he does on earth; to remit sins; and to wash them away completely from the divine memory.

We see that the coming of John the Baptist as a forerunner of Peter, James and John with their higher ordination, was for the purpose of introducing into the "Church of the Master Craftsman in Fine Living" the principles first of divine authorization, and second, of an apprenticeship plan for training of youth to become in time divine journeymen in the Kingdom.

SPECIAL ENLARGED JUNE MESSENGER TO FEATURE YOUTH OF OUR WARDS IN PICTURE AND STORY

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LDS Author Lectures

May 19, Berkeley Chapel

The Berkeley Stake MIA is sponsoring a rare lecture by Mrs. Ora Pate Stewart, LDS author of four popular books in the Berkeley chapel Friday, May 19. She



ORA PATE STEWART

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Ora Pate Stewart is the author of a book of poems. Her four works now on the market are, "Pages from the Book of Eve," "I Talk About My Children," "God Planted a Tree, and "Gleanings." Her home is in Illinois.

"Food For Thought"

By HENRY F. GORDON.
Phoenix, Arizona

(The Messenger welcomes to its columns "Food for Thought." The author, Henry F. Gordon, father to Mrs. Serge Lauper of San Francisco, has entered our columns at times for years via the California Intermountain News of L. A. Now he sends us direct contributions.)

We have journeyed lately over most of what has come to be known as "Mormon Country," from the Canadian Stakes to the settlements of Southern Arizona.

Always in our travels, we have been interested in general health of the people who were told they would "Run and not be weary, walk and not faint." We were curious as to what their status was in relation to these promises. What we discovered was quite startling.

Altogether we have talked to hundreds of people who will represent a fairly accurate cross section of the members of our church. In this group we found very few families in which there had been no surgery and only about a dozen people with no decayed teeth.

We are certain there are a large number of families in the Church who are free from surgery but our findings would seem to indicate they are in the minority.

In this lush "Valley of the Sun" in Arizona we thought a high degree of health must surely prevail. But such is not the case. In the middle-aged and older groups of people, arthritis, heart trouble, liver involvements, diabetes and many other degenerative diseases are quite common.

So the eternal query re-asserts itself: What is meant by "Run and not be weary, walk and not faint?" Would an arthritic be considered a recipient of these blessings? Would a person with rheumatism come in this category? Neither can run nor walk except with difficulty.

The unadorned truth seems to be that we are far, very far, from these blessings. What is wrong? If we cannot be certain that this Scripture is the whole truth, then doubt is automatically cast on all sacred writ.

It is more logical of course, to recognize the fact that we as humans are in error and that our high consumption of refined foods, as white sugar and white flour, is one of the big factors in our very poor showing.

Oakland Stake News

By DALE E. ROE.
CHANGED S. S. AND PRIESTHOOD MEETING TIME

Several advantages can already be seen in the revised Sunday schedule for Oakland Stake Sunday School and Priesthood meetings. The new schedule: Priesthood meetings 9 to 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., to 12 noon. This change was discussed at several Stake Priesthood leadership meetings and was reviewed by General Authorities, before it was begun April 16.

One favorable aspect of the change in schedule is that better plans for Sunday School classes can be made and another is the shorter Sunday School period for the Junior Sunday School. For the small youngsters two-hour Sunday School sessions have been a bit too long.

The new schedule is also providing more time for business and lesson periods for the priesthood quorums, which should make for more effective priesthood activities. Stake leaders, under the direction of President Delbert F. Wright, discussed all of these factors. They considered also the problem of travel in this area, with Priesthood leaders and others, bearing in mind also the anticipated changes in the LDS Girls' Committee program which will get underway about July 1.

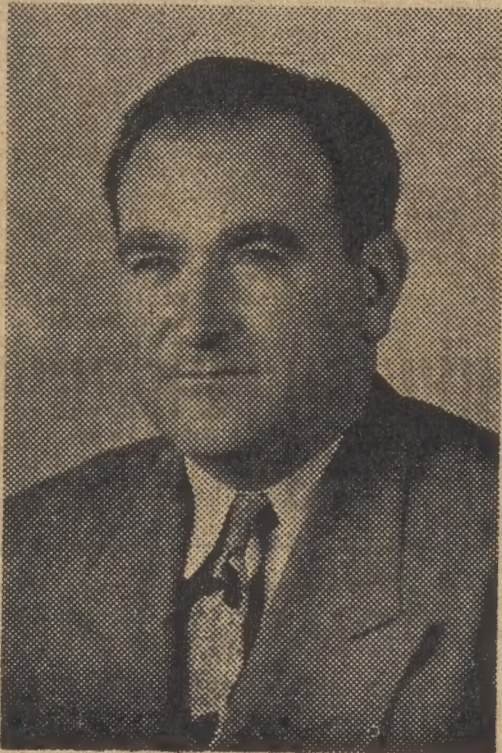
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Active in national insurance organizations, he is currently serving as Director of the Life Insurance Agency Management Association, Hartford, Conn., at the present time.

When living in Oakland, Mr. Summerhays served in the Oakland Stake Presidency for five years. Now he and his wife, Sarah, live in Salt Lake City with their four children, Sarah, Clyde, Diana and Michael.

SAN RAFAEL NEWS

Reed Richards, son of LeRoy and Hannah Richards of Berkeley, who has been in the aviation business for years has now become the city manager of Mill Valley.

Helen Richards, wife of Reed, is presently conductor of the combined choir composed of the San Rafael LDS choir and of the choir from the Hamilton Field Air Force. The choir gave a concert at Hamilton Field, and repeated the same concert numbers for the benefit of the San Rafael branch building fund May 4.

San Rafael branch, about 400 members strong, at present meets in the Women's Improvement club in San Rafael. A lot for a new chapel has been purchased about two miles from San Rafael in San Anselmo.

"A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content and health for the toils of the morrow; but a Sabbath profaned, whatso'er may be gained, is a certain forerunner of sorrow."

Girls Made Excursion to Mesa Temple



Seventeen sweet and happy Hayward LDS girls who with eight leaders enjoyed a thrilling three-day auto trip to the Mesa temple to do baptismal work for the dead. They also visited Palm Springs and Hollywood. These girls are: Dorothy Webb, Beverly Wiseman, Patsy Storks, Marilyn Olsen, Claudia Lamkin, Beverly Larinton, Evelyn Smith, Myrle Williams, Cherie White, Vanee Turner, Marcia Stonger, Joan Atkins, June Nottage, Sheryl White, Natalie Welchhoff, Vivian Nottage and Florence Wright.

Berkeley Stake Book

Of Remembrance Contest

Now is the time for all young people between the ages of 12 and 17 to begin work on their Books of Remembrance to qualify for the stake contest.

The deadline for the books to be in is May 21, 1950. They may be turned in to your ward Genealogical committee chairman, or Alma Deane Feller or Rose Dunham.

The rules are as follows:

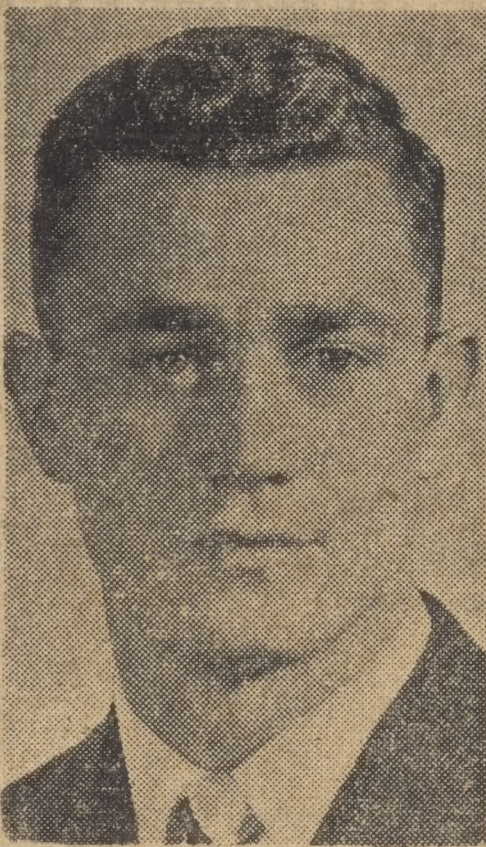
1. One personal record sheet filled out.
2. One pedigree chart filled out.
3. One family group sheet filled out.

4. Begin your life story, emphasizing some phase: trips, homes, hobbies, schools, or any part that appeals to you.

This contest will be judged on originality and individuality, not completeness in starting the life story. There is no set form. Start your book today You may win.

Dave Wood Accepts a Call to Germany

Dave Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Don C. Wood, Sr., will be the recipient of a missionary farewell



DAVID WOOD

party in the Berkeley chapel, Vine and Walnut, Friday, June 9, at 8 p.m. Dave is the fourth member of the Wood family to respond to the call as representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ. Vincent, a brother of Dave, is now serving as a district president in the Canadian mission.

Oakland Stake Plans

L. D. S. Girl's Work

Slogan—"Faith, Friends, Frolic Through Activity in Church."

To all Ward Committees:—Because of the transfer of the Girl's program from the Bishop's Office to that of the YLMIA, effective July 1, 1950, we urge that the following activities be given regular and diligent attention.

1.—Attend all Youth Leadership meetings; making sure that each girl's name, age, address, interests and needs are clearly written on the leadership blanks and placed in the hands of the member of the bishopric who is in charge of the respective age-group.

2.—Faithfully make visits to all girls (as in the past) securing and recording a full account of each girl's activities as called for on the Individual Record Card.

3.—July 1, '50, all Individual Record Cards held by advisers and secretaries will be handed over to YLMIA.—Please make sure that each one is fully up to date with the special notes of interest on back of card as well as the attendance record on the face. This should be accomplished even if it means a special visit by the advisor.

4.—To Ward Secretaries:—If any cards in your master file do not carry necessary data on the back, please contact the advisor of the girl whose name appears on the card and secure her assistance that such data may be recorded immediately.

We do sincerely appreciate the splendid devotion that our ward committees have given this work and feel sure that the program will go forward without interruption and our standards maintained right up to July 1 thus enabling us to make the transfer to the YLMIA effectively and smoothly, our uppermost thought being "for the good of the girls."

The Youth programs, banquets and entertainments including the 1949 "AWARDS" have now been held in each ward of the Stake. They have been varied. All of them under the direction of the bishop and in a way to bring delight to the young folks as well as "Awards." Both parents have been invited to all these functions and in most cases have been able to attend.

Since the introduction of the contest girls attendance at all church activities has increased from 38 to 57 points.

Let's put our full might into the work now.
"Dream not too much of what you'll do tomorrow."

How well you'll work—perhaps—another year;

Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow—
To-day is here!"

Berkeley Stake MIA May Calendar

Friday, May 12—Stake Musical Festival, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13—M Men-Gleaner election, Richmond, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 14—MIA Leadership meeting, Berkeley, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17—Stake Board meeting, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20—Beehive Swarm Night, Berkeley, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27—M Men-Gleaner Northern California Convention.

Monday, June 1—Starts the 1950-51 MIA year and special summer program.